The Casa de Velázquez is a research library specialising in the Iberian cultural area, open to researchers at Master’s degree level and beyond.

With two reading rooms adorned with artworks, the library offers a calm and quiet work environment.

The library collections cover fields in human sciences, social sciences, art and literature.
The Casa de Velázquez’s collection of periodicals, specialising in the Iberian world, has been awarded the CollEx-Persée label, which is given to collections of excellence (CollEx) deemed to be of national importance for a period of five years (2018-2022).
ZONES

Zones are organised by theme across two levels, except for brochures, large format books and periodicals, whose latest issues are on display in the reading room. Basement is only accessible by elevator. Mezzanine levels are accessible by stairs and elevator.

A librarian is present in the reading room to advise you, help you with your research or guide you in the collections.
REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE UNDERTAKING RESEARCH.
FROM THE FIRST YEAR OF MASTER’S DEGREE

You can register at the welcome desk or by email:
inscription@casadevelazquez.org

All new readers must report to the librarian at the library entrance upon arrival, with their documentation.

**Registration is free** of charge and must be renewed each year.

If you don’t meet the conditions, you can apply for special temporary authorisation.

Upon registration, all library collections are available without restriction (including periodicals), with the exception of the collection of rare and ancient books.

Don't forget to sign your name in the entrance register once a day.
ON-SITE CONSULTATION OF DOCUMENTS

Most of the documents are available without restriction.

Research is facilitated by the online catalogue: https://bib.casadevelazquez.org and classification of material by subject.

We ask you to substitute books with a dummy completed with your name, the date, the title, author and call number of the book or periodical. You must return the document to the returned book trolley at the end of your consultation.

If you would like to keep documents, you can use bookmarks to reserve them. They will remain in your place for two weeks.

Dummies and bookmarks are available on every reading table and at the welcome desk.

Rare and ancient books are in a reserve collection room. You need to ask the librarian if you would like to access one of them.

Electronic resources are available on the reading room computers and through the Casa de Velázquez’s wifi on your personal devices.

Find bookmarks on reading tables and at the welcome desk.
Online catalogue
The catalogue is available here: https://bib.casadevelazquez.org
The interface allows to locate:
- printed documents from our library or to access:
- electronic resources for which the library has a subscription: online databases and periodicals
- electronic documents in open access

Librarians are available to help you with your research.

Wifi
Casa de Velázquez provides Internet access through wifi. A unique authentication code will be given at the porter's lodge.

Electronic resources
Electronic resources are available on your computer (through the Casa de Velázquez's wifi).

Scan and print
A scanner and a printer (A4 and A3) are available for a fee. You can purchase a card (3€) and charge it (100 copies: 6€) at the porter's lodge.

Periodical display cabinets
The latest issues of periodicals are on display cabinets in the main reading room.

Interlibrary loan (with conditions).

Suggest a purchase (reserved for those registered).

Training
Documentary research training workshops, particularly for electronic resources available through our online catalogue https://bib.casadevelazquez.org are organised by request throughout the year.
OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 - 19:00
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